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C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 1963

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: TENNECO FOUR

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1. WILSON, BURGHER, AYNESWORTH MET WITH ELF REPRESENTATIVES ZEIN AND MAHMOUD 1100 HOURS 23 AUGUST FOR FOUR HOUR SESSION.

2. ZEIN STATED THAT ELF DESIRES CONTINUATION OF ATTEMPTS TO FREE ELF PERSONNEL HELD BY IEG AS ONE OF TWO PRE-CONDITIONS FOR RELEASE OF TENNECO HOSTAGES. THE SECOND CONDITION CONCERNS WORLD WIDE PUBLICITY TO INCLUDE A THREE DAY INTERVIEW IN BEIRUT OF ELF OFFICIALS INCLUDING SLAIH AHMED IYAY AND OTHER FROM REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL. ALL OTHER CONDITIONS HAVE BEEN WAIVED.

3. FOR BEIRUT: ELF REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL MEMBER SALIH EXPECT TO CONTACT TENNECO REPRESENTATIVES AND JOURNALIST AT PHOENICIA HOTEL IN BEIRUT ON SATURDAY, 24, AUGUST.

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TENNECO REPRESENTATIVES WILSON, BURGHER AND JOURNALIST

AYNESWORTH REQUIRE RESERVATIONS AT PHOENICIA HOTEL FOR 3 DAY CONFERENCE WITH ELF LEADERS. TENNECO REPRESENTATIVES ARRIVING BEIRUT VIA SUDAN AIRWAYS 1200 HOURS, SATURDAY, 24 AUGUST. GIVEN FACT THAT SALIH WILL MAKE INITIAL CONTACT AT PHOENICIA HOTEL, WOULD APPRECIATE ALL EFFORTS GET RESERVATIONS FOR TENNECO REPRESENTATIVES AT PHOENICIA HOTEL. THREE ADJOINING ROOMS OR A 3-BEDROOM SUITE REQUIRED.

4. TENNECO REPRESENTATIVES WILL REQUIRE EMBASSY BEIRUT ASSISTANCE TO TRANSMIT HIGH PRECEDENCE MESSAGES TO KHARTOUM FOR PASSAGE TO ELF REPRESENTATIVES IN SUDAN TO COORDINATE RELEASE OF TENNECO HOSTAGES.

5. WILSON WILL CALL EMBASSY UPON ARRIVAL AT PHOENICIA HOTEL.

6. FOR ADDIS: GRAHAM AND BOGAN RETURNING ADDIS FRIDAY, 23 AUGUST AT 1600 HOURS.

7. FOR SECSTATE: PLEASE ADVISE MR. FREEMAN, TENNECO, HOUSTON AT 229-4454 OFFICE TELEPHONE OR (NATIONAL) AFA-26119 HOME NUMBER.  
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